

Winifred Schuelke

Winifred Lucille Schuelke, 83, Groton, died on June 25, 2002, at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton. Her funeral was held Saturday, June 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Groton, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Winifred Lucille Odland was born to Victor and Mary (Miller) Odland on August 18, 1918 in Brookings. Her family moved to Brown County when Wini was an infant, residing on a farm near Houghton. They later moved to Groton, where she attended high school. She continued to live in Groton after graduating from the School of Hairdressing in Aberdeen. On May 22, 1938, Wini married Ora Schuelke; after living in Groton and rural Claremont, they moved to their farm near Groton in 1945. Winifred con-

tinued to live on the farm after the death of her husband in 1971. Wini kept the grounds and home up as a constant memorial to Ora. She entered Wheatcrest Hills in February of 2002.

Winifred served her community in a variety of ways, including her membership at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, its Ladies Aid, Nursery Circle and taught Sunday school for 10 years. She was a 4-H Leader for the Putney Putovers 4-H Club, a volunteer Grey Lady serving the Aberdeen community at St. Luke's Hospital, a Putney Ladies Aid Member, a Cub Scout Leader and a volunteer at Dakota Midland Hospital. She was an avid golfer and supplied many hours of time teaching and playing golf with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter,



Marlene (Dwayne) Coon of Groton; her son, Bill (Eileen) Schuelke, Groton; one sister, Phillis Blake, Sioux Falls; two brothers, Winston Odland, Roscoe; and Lawrence Odland, North Augusta, Ga.; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ora; one daughter, Linda; an infant son, Victor; two grandsons, Wally Ahern and Michael Ahern; two sisters, Laura Schoch and Frannie Green.

Honorary Castetbearers were members of the Putney Ladies Aid and Nursery Circle.

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